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Funds raised were used to purchase gift certificates to WalMart, Shaws and mall stores, allowing recipients to purchase gifts and food items of their choice. The gift baskets are being distributed through the local elementary schools to families in the District. A few select baskets will include a hand made teddy bear compliments of senior Danielle Anzaldi.

The student council also decided to set aside a small sum to purchase movie tickets for ten of their classmates who are participating in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program. Each student was presented with two theater tickets so that they can treat their "littles" to a movie over the holidays.

Principal Dr. Arthur Ellis hosted a candy cane sundae party to celebrate the students' accomplishment on Tuesday prior to the holiday vacation.

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Mattapoisett Tinkhamtown Chapel Service

The Annual Christmas Service in the Tinkhamtown Chapel in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, December 23 at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy a simple service run by area children, in an old-fashioned setting. Any child or adult that would like to participate with a reading or a musical instrument, or just sing in the choir, should call Kate Webb (758-2567) or Nancy Tinkham (758-6249). Please note the time and date have been changed in the hope that more can attend.

ConCom Certification

Rochester Commissioner Completes Course

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) proudly announced that John Hall, a member of the Rochester Conservation Commission (ConCom), successfully completed MACC's *Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners* certificate training course.

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MACC offered congratulations to Mr. Hall for undertaking this training and congratulated Rochester's Board of Selectmen for appointing a person who recognizes the value of training in Conservation Commission work. Members of the Rochester Board of Selectmen recently recognized and congratulated Mr. Hall on his achievement, noting that he is the only member of the Rochester ConCom to have attended and completed the MACC course.

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Above: *ORR High School Student Council Members prepare gift baskets for delivery. Pictured here (l. to r.) are: Kelli Jones, Will LeFavor, Danielle Anzaldi, Meghan Best, Jessica Murphy, Danika Sharek and, in rear, Dr. Arthur Ellis, Principal. Not pictured: Courtney Wicker, Stephanie Poyant, Kyra Jackivicz, Liam Brown, and Kim Norton. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Marx.)*

On the cover: *"No room at the inn" ... an outdoor Nativity scene at Bicentennial Park across from the Marion Town House can be found among depictions of Santa, carolers, and the town's towering Christmas tree. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

The office of The Wanderer will be closed for vacation from December 25 to January 1 so that our staf may enjoy the holiday season. Our next regular issue is January 4, 2001. Happy Holidays!

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

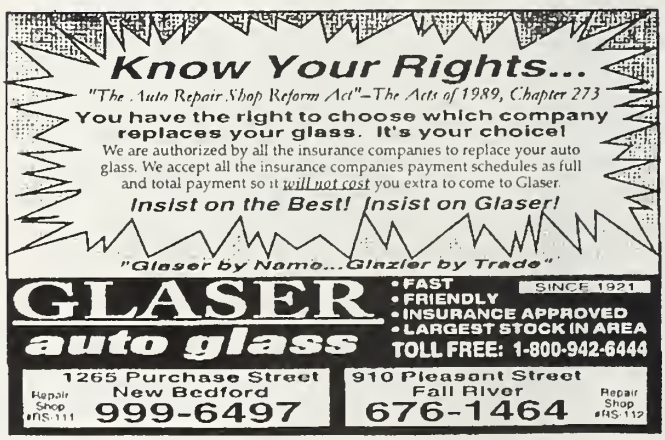
December 18, 2000

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Paul Lambalot on Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Ray Andrews, Selectman Barry Denham, and Secretary Melody Pacheco.

The first appointment of the evening was with the Computer Advisory Board who came before the board to update them on their progress. Members Paul Millott, Joseph Slattery and Lois Ennis were present and spoke on behalf of fellow members, Patrick Breault, John Mattos, Bob Mellen and Jeanne Toomey. The progress report they prepared contained several components. The Computer Advisory Board was established in 1998 at the direction of the Board of Selectman. The initial objectives of the board were to:

- Establish asset controls on all town government computer hardware and software;
- To complete implementation of town



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government Intranet and external Internet connectivity;

- Establish town government web site;
- Provide advisory services to town departments;
- Provide training and coaching to town employees to efficiently use the computer systems; and
- Establish web access system for town hall employees research efforts.

All of these objectives have been met and implemented and continue to be up-dated and enhanced. The board realized in the course of their research that their role had many more facets, and that they recognized there were more needs. Among the additional objectives they accomplished were: 1) Y2K preparation; 2) Hardware maintenance, a maintenance contract was negotiated for

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the repair and replacement of all computer hardware assets at the Town Hall; 3) Computer Hardware Upgrades; phased out six older PC's over a year and a half; 4) Network systems engineering; 5) Network Server Hardware; 6) Network Software Upgrades; 7) Town Web Site; and 8) Payroll System Advisory Input.

In addition to these objectives, the board recognizes that there are future objectives that will need their attention, as well. They will consider the Fiscal Year 2002 Budget, Web site enhancements, hardware/software updates, Town Hall Computer Systems Coordinator and a Web Master Function.

Selectman Ray Andrews raised the question of the need to have an off-site backup plan for the records that the Town Hall houses. Such a back up plan is needed, and in fact implemented in that there are two separate servers that house critical information. It would be sufficient to have an employee remove a back-up disk at the end of each workday and store it in a safe place each night. The board explained that the costs for hardware for implementing an actual off-site facility would be very costly. However, the Board of Selectman asked that they be investigated further and present their findings to the board at the next meeting.

The next appointment on the agenda was with the Economic Study Committee. Mark Estes spoke on behalf of fellow members Jane Linhares, Louis Martin, Bruce Rocha, and he discussed the goals of the committee, the impact of Mattapoisett's designation within the

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Economic Target Area (ETA), as well as a need for public forums for discussion of such a designation in the ETA. At present, Mattapoisett has applied for the status of becoming part of the Economic Target Area, to be determined this week. Other towns designated are New Bedford, Acushnet, Rochester, and Fairhaven.

The goals of the committee are to accomplish the following: 1) Provide sewer service to the Industrial Park; 2) Address zoning issues along Route 6; 3) Acquire state and federal resources for improvements to infrastructure, schools, and a new fire station; 4) Solicit and acquire private donations from businesses for such improvements; 5) Develop and implement action plans to promote home based businesses, agriculture, aquaculture

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and marine based businesses; 6) Provide economic incentives to locate new businesses to the town and retain existing businesses.

The committee believes the impact on the town could be significant. They feel that there is a potential for over 1,000 new jobs in town, higher job retention, and that the town could retain existing businesses and tax base. There may also be additional sewer fees, water fees, betterment fees, and potential fire district fees.

Mr. Estes stated that several local business owners are in favor of Mattapoisett receiving ETA status. The committee, as well as the Selectmen, feels that it is vital to hold public forums where there can be a question and answer session for the townspeople. Selectman Denham suggested that the committee meet with and plan such an event with the Lions Club. The committee also plans to continue with the creation of an article for Town Meeting. The article will ask the town to authorize the selectman to appoint an Economic Study Department and the funding for a director of the department. The committee will meet with the board again on Monday, January 22 at 7:45 pm.

The board had several people to appoint to various positions, including:

- Appointment of Mary Lyons to Chief of Police;
- Appointments of Anthony Weatherford and James Broadwater to the Marine Advisory Board;
- Appointment of Gary Jezierski to the Commission on Disability;
- Appointment of Aaron Bates as a firefighter to

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the Fire Department; and

• Appointment of Adam Ouellette as junior firefighter to the Fire Department.

There were several meetings scheduled throughout the week:

• December 19 at 10:30 am - MPO meeting at SRPEDD in Taunton;

• December 20 at 5:00 pm - Mattapoisett Elementary School Building Committee, held at Town Hall;

• December 21 at 4:30 pm - St. Luke's Contract Negotiations held at Town Hall.

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• A letter was sent to N-STAR asking to please correspond to a letter originally sent to them on July 31 for an inventory of the streetlight equipment in Mattapoisett.

• A letter was sent to Attorney Kunz regarding the conveyance of land from Gerald and Mary Randall to Ronald and Janet Scott.

The incoming correspondence was as follows:

• A letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development regretting to inform the town that the application to the Community Development II is not among the 13 grants recently awarded from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program's FY2000 funding round.

• Received a letter from Fire Chief Ronald Scott that they have received word from the Executive Office of Public Safety that the Mattapoisett Fire Department has been awarded $20,819 for a Firefighter Safety Grant.

The board wished to remind residents that the Town Hall will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 22 in observance of the upcoming Christmas holiday.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

December 19, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, and Selectman Jonathan

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The board conducted the second of two interviews with finalists for the position of Town Administrator, to replace the retiring Ray Pickles.

On Monday evening, December 18, the board interviewed Michael W. Finglas Sr. of Swansea, MA. Mr. Finglas is the current Chief Administrative Officer with the Town of Swansea whose duties include negotiating government contracts with unions; he is also the Chief

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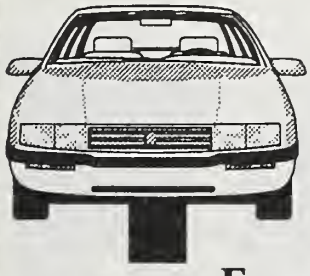

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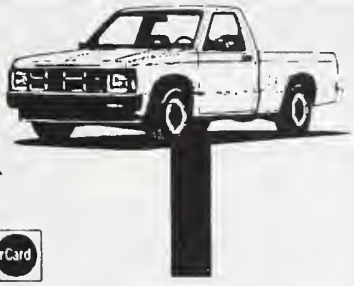

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This evening they interviewed Julia S. Enroth-Whitlock of Longmeadow, MA. Ms. Enroth-Whitlock has over 25 years of municipal administrative experience and previously served as both a member of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in Rochester (1976-1981); was the Administrative Assistant in the Town of Westport (1981-1986); served as Town Administrator in the Town of Wellfleet (1986-1995); and currently is the Town Administrator in Longmeadow, MA (1995-present).

Ms. Enroth-Whitlock was questioned by the board as to her qualifications and what she considered to be her strengths and weaknesses. With extensive experience in municipal management and dealing with the budgeting process, personnel contracts, and local and state laws, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock stressed that collaboration is the key to effective government.

"I'm used to working with committees," she said.

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When asked why the Town of Marion should consider hiring her, she said: "I have always admired the way the Town of Marion is run ... it has a reputation for organizational excellence and I'd like to be a part of that."

In response to what qualifications a good Town Administrator should have, and those he/she should avoid, she said it is important to work collaboratively with the various department heads and not fall into the tendency to "micromanage" individual departments. "I don't think someone who is dictatorial (is a good candidate)," she said, "I don't think that style works well ... not someone who wants to come in and take everything over, or someone who takes the job or themselves too seriously."

Both Mr. Finglas and Ms. Enroth-Whitlock had gone through a screening process in which they met with

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the various department heads and people who would be working closely with the prospective Town Administrator. During that process, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock gleaned that some of Marion's key concerns seem to be future growth and how to manage it; various personnel changes; and the pending budgetary process in preparing for the spring Annual Town Meeting in April. To that end, Chairman Winters said they hope to have a new Town Administrator in place by mid-January.

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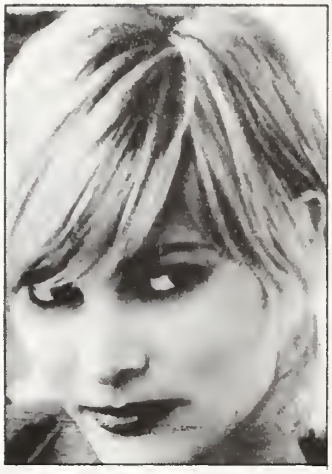

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"Our departments are working on their budgets now," he said. "But after the first of the year, it really starts to gear up."

The board thanked Ms. Enroth-Whitlock for coming in and announced they would be conducting reference checks on both finalists. Chairman Winters said they would take this matter under advisement and would, hopefully, come to a decision at a future meeting — perhaps as early as Tuesday, December 26.

In other matters, the board approved the minutes of the December 26 meeting, signed and approved various treasury and payroll warrants for the week, and also reviewed a contract for Ray Pickles to remain on as Building Commissioner with the town. The board agreed to forward this latter document to Town Counsel for review before they signed off on it.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:36 pm.

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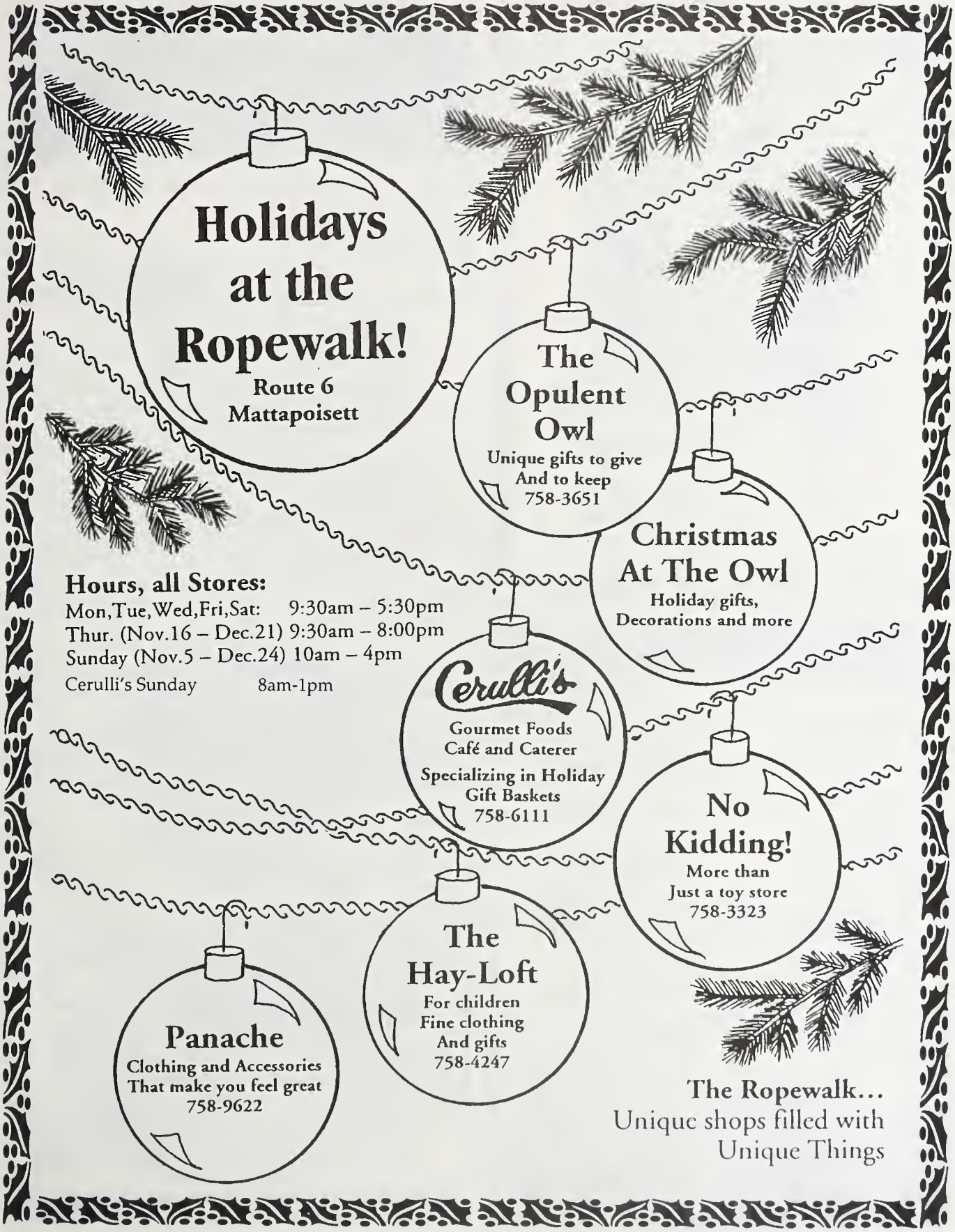
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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 18, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 18 by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. The board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with Interim Police Chief William Pryzbylek.

At 7:35 pm, the board returned to Open Session and noted they would continue their contract negotiation in Executive Session on Wednesday evening, December 20, having not yet agreed upon all the details.

The board met with members of the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) and the Rochester Senior Center Building Committee to discuss plans for construction now that the town has received a $600,000 grant toward the project. Building Committee members Jill Bodeau and Harry Brown wanted to know what the next step in the process should be.

"We need to come up with a final design for the building," Mr. Huntoon said. "We have a developmental design (in hand). The concern I have is ... as the Procurement Officer, I need to know who's in charge. I'm not signing anything until I know who I'm taking orders from."

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Both the committee members and Board of Selectmen seemed to concur that an amalgamation of the Building Committee, COA, Selectmen, Building Inspector, and Historic District Committee would best serve the project. Selectman Cutler even suggested appointing all three Selectmen to ensure that one could attend the Building Committee meetings.

Mr. Huntoon said the next step would be proceed with the design phase, select an architect, and plan a meeting with the Historic District Committee to make sure the project meets their criteria. A meeting will be held with the Historic District Committee on January 3 at 7:00 pm.

The board then unanimously moved to appoint

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the following to the reorganized Rochester Senior Center Building Committee: Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Harry Brown, Jill Bodeau, Al Alderson, Jean Armstrong, Building Inspector Bob Francis,and a representative of the Historic District Committee.

At 7:55 pm the board met with Susan Adams of the Historic District Committee to discuss the replanting of elm trees in the town center. Ms. Adams noted that in order to qualify for a grant for this project, they need the support of various town committees and organizations. They would also be seeking out state approval for areas along the recently-designated scenic highway (Route 105). "It's kind of a grass-roots idea," Ms. Adams said. "We need to find areas where we can plant them."

Chairman Parker suggested she talk with Tree Warden Jeff Eldridge and also contact the various utility companies which often prune and cut trees near their power lines.

"Based on the areas that are under construction, you don't want to plant small trees where they could be easily damaged," Selectman Ryan cautioned.

The board unanimously voted to support the efforts of the Historic District Committee in planting various seedling elm trees in and around the Rochester Town Center.

A scheduled meeting with former Police Chief Walter Denham had been cancelled and Selectman Ryan explained that Mr. Denham called and said he didn't

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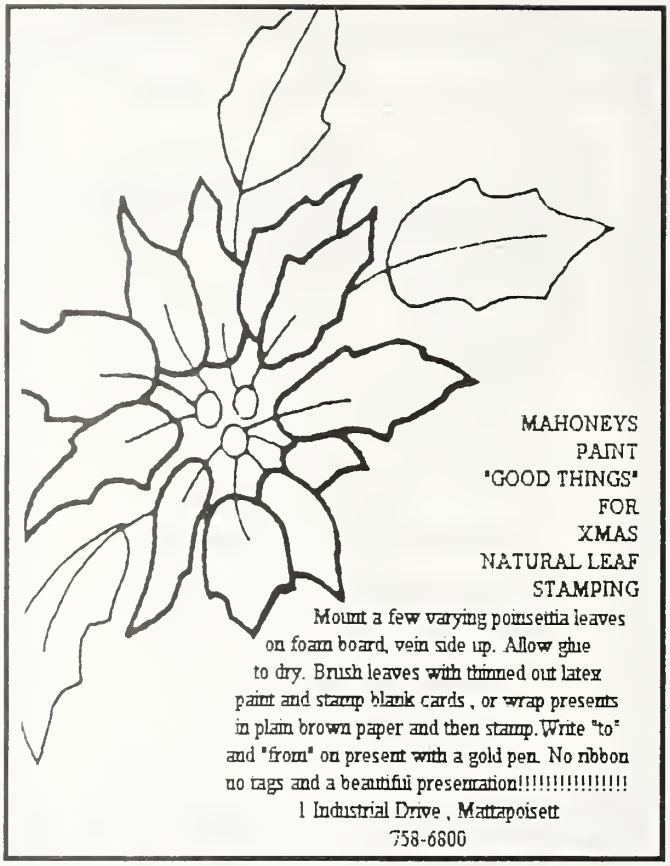

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think he should come before them tonight to discuss a reimbursement issue. Town Accountant Claudette Coutu filled the board in on the matter.

Ms. Coutu explained that Mr. Denham had attended a conference in California and submitted a request for reimbursement of his expenses on December 1. "There were no detailed statements with his submission," she said. "I told him I needed detailed receipts as a backup ... I just got the statement."

According to Ms. Coutu, $900 of the total $1,080 expense has been reimbursed to Mr. Denham, but she is awaiting confirmation of the remaining amount.

To that end, the board discussed setting guidelines for future reimbursements of this type. Ms. Coutu said they only get seven or eight "big ticket" requests like this each year, but the board agreed it was prudent to look into establishing guidelines for them in the future.

The board then signed and unanimously approved payment to Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies in the amount of $2,982.25; approved a Class I license for R.F. Morse and Son, Inc.; a Class III license for Murphy's Auto Salvage; and a Range Permit for the Sippican Rod and Gun Club.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon advised they will be issuing weekly status reports on the Police/Communications Building project, and also noted that the Highway Department Building is proceeding on target. He asked for the board's guidance on the Town Hall issue, and the Selectmen agreed it would be placed on a ballot referendum at an upcoming Special Town Election. The board also voted to schedule a Special Town Meeting on January 22, 2001 to consider a pending Chapter 61A article.

Lastly, Mr. Huntoon requested closing Town Hall on Friday, December 22 at 12:00 noon due to the pending

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Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• Letter from Amy Johnson, requesting to be appointed to the Housing Opportunity Partnership (HOP). The board unanimously approved the appointment.

• Notification from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) advising that John Hall, a member of the Rochester ConCom, has successfully completed MACC's Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners training course and received a Certificate of Achievement. Selectman Cutler also noted that Mr. Hall is the only member on the Rochester ConCom to attend and complete the course training. The board unanimously voted to send a letter of congratulations and thanks to Mr. Hall.

• Letter from Kyle Amicucci of Haskell Ridge Road in Rochester asking that the town consider having a

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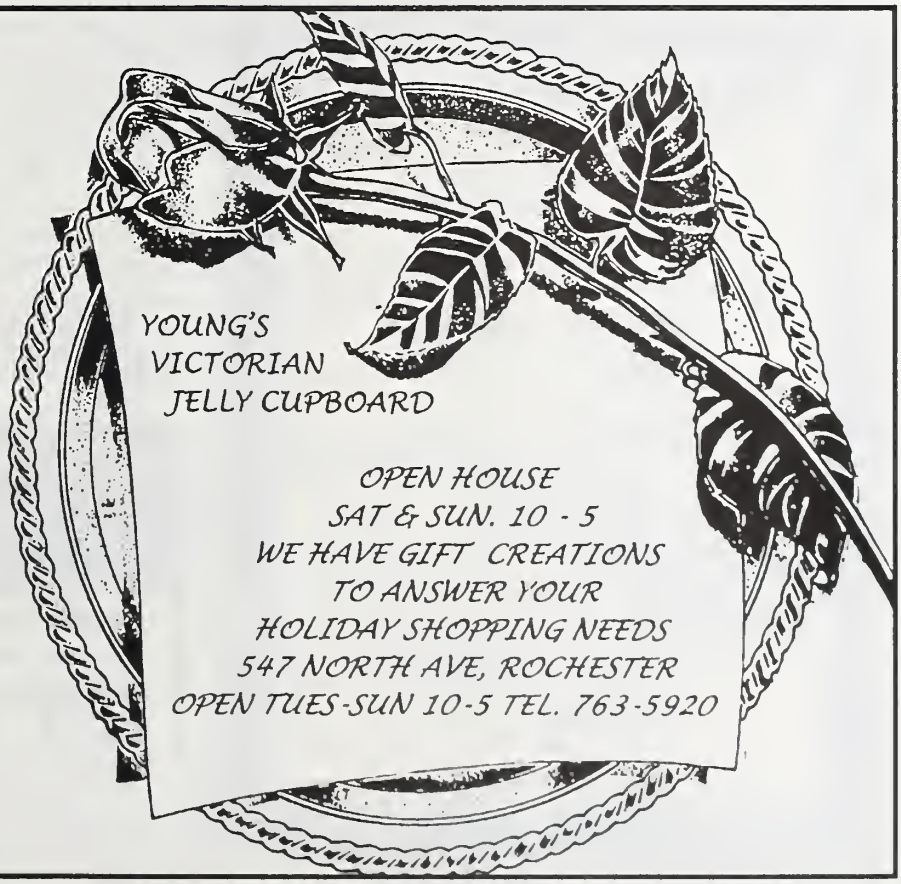

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The board agreed to forward this request to the Park Commission and also asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Amicucci, thanking him for taking an interest in this matter.

• Plan for a proposed subdivision called the "Wordell Street Extension" from the Planning Board for the board's review. A public hearing will be scheduled for this project on January 23, 2001 at 7:30 pm. The board members were very critical of the submitted plan, using such terms as "ugly" to describe its aesthetics.

"They don't want my opinion ... I think this is a ridiculous subdivision," Selectman Cutler said. "We could just say it's an extraordinarily *unattractive* development."

The board unanimously voted to send a reply to the Planning Board indicating they were disappointed with a plan that is "not in keeping with the character of Rochester," but they weren't suggesting any requirements under the Subdivision Control By-Law be waived in the matter, either.

"As long as they meet the requirements, there's nothing the Planning Board can do," Chairman Parker added.

Under Old Business, Selectman Ryan discussed a proposed set of policies and procedures submitted by Interim Police Chief Pryzbylek. She had some questions and concerns over when certain policies would go into effect and added that some procedures needed clarification.

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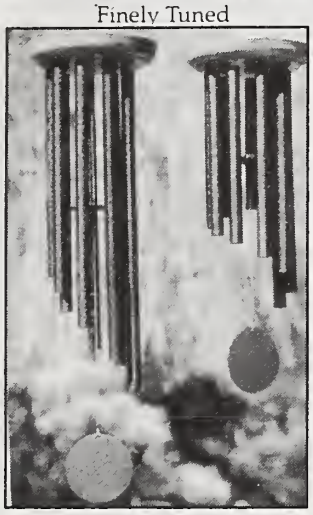

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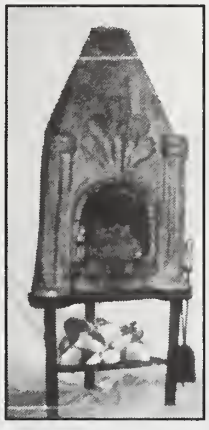

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"Some things are very vague," she said. "There's nothing wrong with (them) ... I just think we need to clarify and work some things out. We should talk to the chief about this."

The board unanimously voted to delay implementation of the new policies and procedures until they had a chance to meet with the chief to discuss them further.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:50 pm.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to clear up some confusion about traffic safety concerns on Acushnet Road.

I received a copy of Mr. Couture's September 10, 2000 letter to the Selectmen on September 19, 2000. Upon receiving the letter and in light of the recent accident in this area, I requested "dangerous curve" signs be posted and they were.

I also began a traffic survey of the area. This is a time-consuming process that must take place at various times of the day and different days of the week. I left for vacation on September 30, 2000 and returned October 7, 2000. Upon returning, I continued and completed my survey. On October 17, 2000 I sent a letter to the Selectmen with my findings and recommendations. It is my understanding that these recommendations were approved by the Selectmen.

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To the Editor:

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Most important, we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and their elves for visiting with the children of Mattapoisett.

And a very special thank you to: Wesley Bowman, Highway Surveyor, and the Highway Department Personnel; Ronald E. Scott, Fire Chief; Fire Department Personnel; Mattapoisett Rescue Squad; Stan Ellis and the Old Hammondtown School Band; Ms. Paula Roy and the Old Hammondtown School Chorus; the students of Old Hammondtown School; Diane Perry's Art Classes at Center School; the Brownies and Girl Scout Troops; Anne Cuddy; Andrew Bobola and Barbara Sullivan; Maria Cananzey and Melody Pacheco.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for their generosity each year along with their donations of delicious refreshments to be enjoyed by all who attended our Christmas Tree Lighting; Marc and Marlene Goddu of the Mattapoisett Inn; Mrs. Janice Sparks of the Shipyard Galley; Mr. Rick Brown; the Mattapoisett Woman's Club; Mrs. Ann Marie Cerulli Mills of Cerulli's; and Gale Costa and Louise Vandal of the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop.

Season's Greetings to all from the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen!
Sincerely,
Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman
Barry J. Denham
Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk
Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

To the Editor:

St. Anthony's Harborside Christmas Fair was a great success and we thank you for your support of this community event. The money raised will be used for scholarships and help defray parish expenses. We appreciate your support.

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We are also grateful to Roni King and her beautifully-designed ornament, the "Dove of Peace." It will be a pleasing reminder of our fair. There are some ornaments available at this time, feel free to call Roni at 758-6401.

We wish you a happy and healthy 2001 — Merry Christmas!
Sincerely,
Barbara P. Ketchel
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

The officers of the Sippican Woman's Club wish to thank all those involved in making our Fourteenth Annual House Tour a smashing success. We recognize that this now-traditional event in Marion is made possible because of the generosity of the participating homeowners. We also recognize the invaluable role of the florists and decorators in providing a festive atmosphere in all the lovely houses and in our club house. It is the combination of these two forces, the homeowner and the designer, that makes the tour a reality.

We are indebted as well to members of the club whose hard work in both prominent and behind-the-scene jobs was essential to our effort. This year, club members were joined by students from Old Rochester Regional High School and Tabor Academy in staffing many of the vital posts in the houses, at the tavern, at the tea and in other venues of the tour. The

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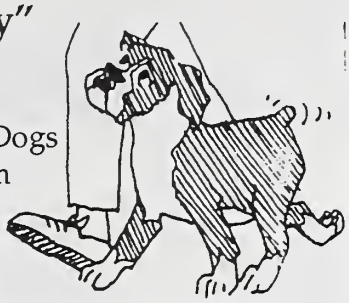

participating students contributed greatly to the tour's success, and we commend them for their keen sense of community spirit.
Sincerely,
Barbara A. Brennan, President
Sippican Woman's Club, Marion

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The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, January 10, 2001. The group will meet in the Teacher's Lounge at Old Rochester Regional High School. As always, all ORR graduates are welcome to stop in and say "hi," or to join.

ORR Honor Roll

Principal Stephen Helman recently announced the following students were listed on the Honor Roll for the first quarter (2000-2001) at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School.

• **HIGH HONORS - Grade 7**: Anne Allain, Jennifer Babineau, Michele Behan, Amy Biever, Courtney Bono, Renee Bussenger, Allison Cammarata, Brittany Church, David Cornish, Nicholas Cummings, Lauren Eddleston, Steven Faulkner, Kelsey Figueiredo, Samuel Forgue, Tracy Garlington, Julie Gauvin, Britta Gingras, Carolyn Griffiths, Walter Hartley, Emma Howland, Andrew Hulton, Eric Johnson, Angela Kantner, Rachel Lavallee, Laurel Leake, Nicole Leclair, Jocelyn Mayer, Justin McClurg, Erica Nelson, Nicholas Nobrega, Alicia Norton, Colleen Oakes, Noemie Pochat, Alex Poulin, Hallie Riggs, Carolyn Rogers, Kateri Shockro, Devin Smith, Nicholas Stearns, Stasia Sullivan, Kristen Ward, Jared Whitcomb, James Wilhelmsen, Emily Wingate, Spencer Zahn; **Grade 8**: Blaine Bacchiocchi, Edward Bentz, Leah Cabral, Mikki Correia, John DiSalvo, Laura Farren, Amy Guerzoni, Jocelyn Hotte, Jillian Howard, Elizabeth Koczera, Allison Lanagan, Jake Nochimow,

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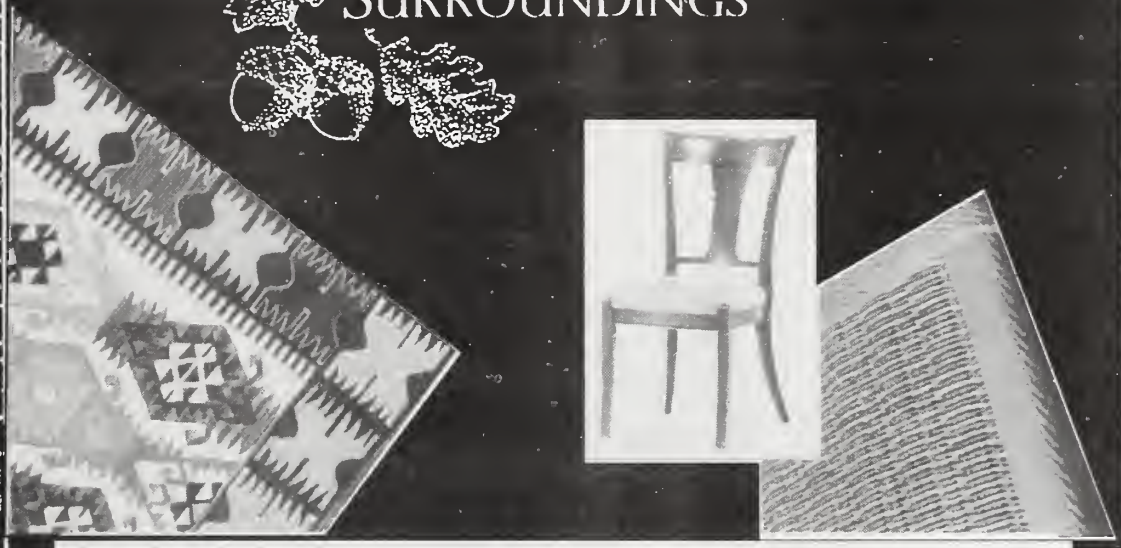

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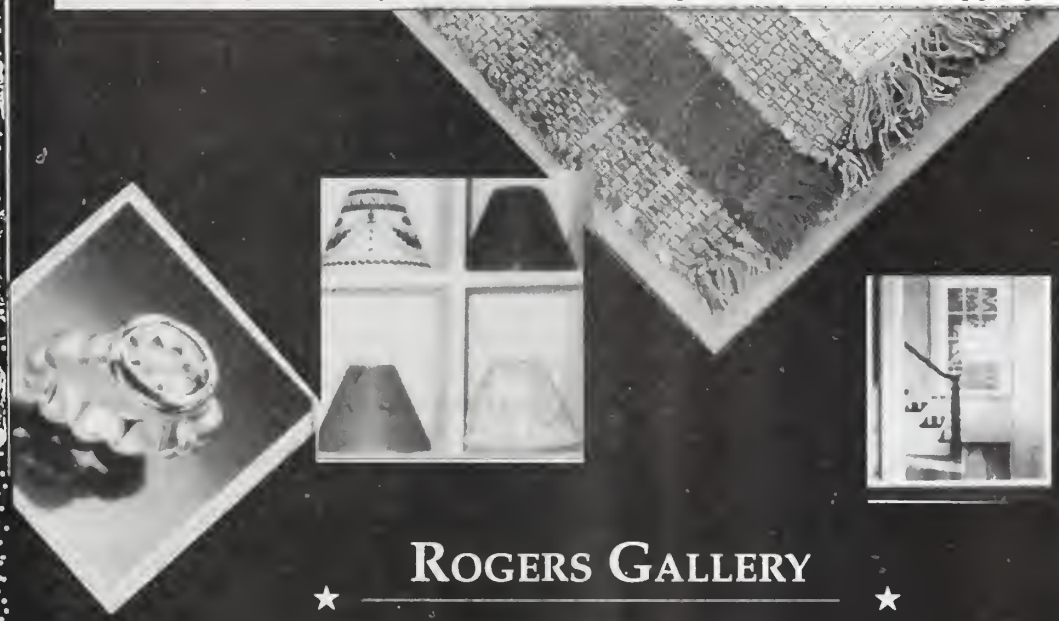

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The December 14 meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club was its Christmas Luncheon and Christmas Party. A Bake Sale raised funds for Hearts and Hands. The club received reports that the handmade puppets for Hearts and Hands last year were most appreciated. The Garden Club members made centerpieces for the event, some of which were sold as fund-raisers. Member Lee Yeaton's daughter, Kim Wheeler, entertained the group with her piano selections, while other members read their Christmas poetry. Miss Cheryl Helm of Dartmouth sang two solos, which so delighted her audience. The next meeting of the club will be held on January 18.

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Candidates are required to submit thirty-five (35) valid signatures. Nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by Monday, February 12, 2001 at 4:00 pm. Residents wishing to vote in April must register by March 13 in Town Hall.

Mattapoisett School Renovations

The Mattapoisett Elementary School Building Committee was created as a result of the Special Town Meeting held on March 20, 2000. This committee is a continuation of the Renovation Committee established on March 29, 1999, which was charged with the feasibility and conceptual designs for both Center School (built in 1898, additions added in 1937 and 1952) and Old Hammondtown School (built in 1966, addition added in 1998). Presently, the Center School facility houses a Pre-K to Grade 3 program with 350+ students, and Old Hammondtown School has 250+ students in Grades 4-6. The committee has been working with the architect Charlie Hay of Tappé Associates of Boston, in designing the two schools to allow for a build-out population of 850 students.

By direction of Town Meeting, the committee is made up of a member of the Board of Selectmen (Ray Andrews), a member of the Mattapoisett School Committee (Deborah DeWalt), a member of the Finance

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Since the first meeting in May, the committee has met on a bimonthly schedule, which has brought them through the Design and Development stage of the project. The committee meets on Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room. There will be a public debut of the plans at the next Elementary School Meeting to be held on Monday, January 8, 2001 at Old Hammondtown

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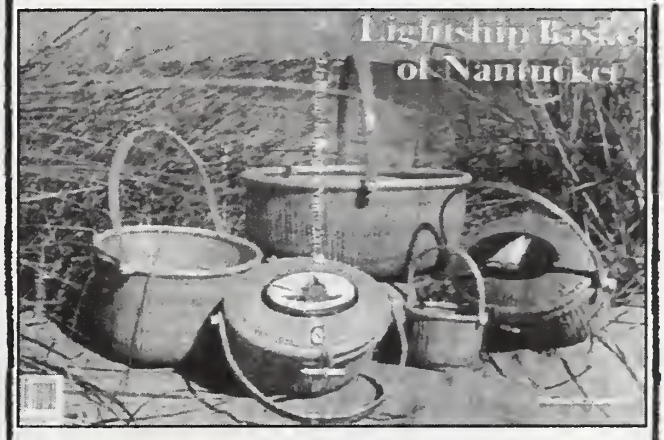

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The committee will be making a formal presentation for Construction Funding at a Special Town Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2001 at 7:00 pm in the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium. The override election will take place the following day, Tuesday, February 13, 2001 at Old Hammondtown School. The polls are open from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. If the Article passes, the construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2001, lasting three years, in a phased approach at both sites.

Rochester History Book

Old Rochester and Her Daughter Towns, a classic history of the Town of Rochester by Mary Hall Leonard, has recently been reprinted by the Friends of the Plumb Library. Originally published in *New England Magazine* in the early part of the century, this charming illustrated book covers the history of the Town of Rochester and her "daughters," Marion, Mattapoisett and Wareham. The reprinting of this volume was funded by a grant from the Rochester Cultural Council, a state agency. Copies are available at the Plumb Library and Bev Loves Books in Rochester for $5 each, and they make a wonderful holiday gift. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Plumb Library and will go towards the Library Building Fund.

Marion Clerk Awarded

Debra Blanchette, Treasurer/Tax Collector for the Town of Marion, was recently awarded a Certificate designating her as a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Collector.

This certification was conferred by the Board of Certification of the statewide organization of local Tax Collectors and Treasurers, the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association. Certification is awarded only after candidates have been in office a minimum of three years. They must attend for a minimum of three years, the Association's Annual School at UMass Amherst in August each year and complete a rigorous schedule of required courses. Lastly, they must successfully pass their Cerification Board's examination, covering such subjects

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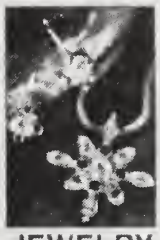

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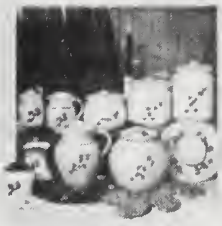

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In a letter to the Board of Selectmen, President Carole T. McCormack of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association extended congratulations and conveyed the thanks of that body to the people of the Town of Marion for supporting Ms. Blanchette's efforts which culminated in this honor and achievement. McCormack went on to say she was confident the people of Marion would continue to support their Treasurer/ Collector's efforts to maintain and increase her expertise.

Ms. Blanchette received her certificate on December 14 at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield during luncheon ceremonies which were attended by many state and local government notables.

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Rochester Library Forum

The Board of Trustees of the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester invite residents to attend an upcoming Community Forum to be held on Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 pm in the Plumb Library. The purpose of this community forum is to get feedback about the plans for the future, and to address questions or concerns that the public may have. In addition to the library's proposed renovation/expansion project, they are in the process of revising their long-range Plan of Service. They will be setting goals for the next five years, answering questions about the expansion project, and hearing what residents have to say about what they expect from the town library. A member of the architectural team that developed the preliminary building plans will be in attendance, as well as members of the library staff, Board of Trustees, and Building Committee. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by January 4 by calling 763-8600.

Marion VFW BBQ

The Benjamin D. Cushing Post 2425 VFW announced a Take Out Only BBQ at the VFW Post on Mill Street (Route 6) in Marion on Sunday, January 7, 2001 at 12:00 noon. Featured will be a half-chicken barbecued Texas-style, Blue Lake green beans, homestyle potato salad, roll, butter, and dessert. Donation is $7 per person. For tickets and more information, please contact: Warren Washburn (748-0791); Richard Ziemba (295-7766); "Gabby" McWilliams (295-9558); "Manny" Barboza Jr. (947-8799), or Gerald Barrows Sr. (295-2848).

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The speaker this month will be David J. Helfand, Professor of Astronomy at Columbia University and son of Mattapoisett's own Barney Helfand. The title of David's presentation is "A New View of the Radio Universe." During his presentation, David will also touch upon tremendous changes that have taken place in the area of time measurement and the reconstruction of our timeline history.

Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on January 1, 2001.

Learn Boating Basics

A FREE course teaching Boating Basics will be held on Saturday mornings, January 27, February 3, February 10, and February 17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Mattapoisett Town Hall in the first-floor meeting room. Sponsored by the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board and the Massachusetts Environmental Police, the course is open to the public and meets the requirements for minors between the ages of 12 and 15 who want to operate a motor boat without adult supervision to attain a Boating Safety Certificate. All youths ages 12-15 who pass the course will be issued a safety certificate allowing them

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Mattapoisett Town Meeting

The Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office will accept articles, petitions, and street acceptances for insertion into the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Warrant until Friday, February 2, 2001. If you should have any questions concerning the above, please contact Carol Adams or Melody Pacheco at 758-4100.

Rochester Barn Inspections

Rochester Animal Control Officer Robin Prezner has announced that barn inspections are now taking place. Please call her at 763-5326 to schedule an appointment.

Mattapoisett Buttons/Stickers

The 2001 Mattapoisett Shellfish Buttons are now on sale at the Selectmen's Office for a fee of $25. All persons holding shellfish buttons numbers 1 to 50 must pick them up prior to February 1, 2001 or forfeiture of their license will result.

The 2001 Beach/Wharf Stickers are also available for sale in the Selectmen's Office for a fee of $5 each. Seniors over the age of 65 are eligible for FREE beach/wharf stickers and over 70 for FREE shellfish licenses.

Marion Art Center

Dance Classes

Dance Classes are held on Thursday with Kinderstep for preschoolers at 2:00 and 2:45 pm; Firsteps meets from 3:30 to 4:45; and Ballet, Jazz and Tap for Grades 3 and up are held at 4:15 and 5:15. The instructor is Tammy Spinney from the Sherry Gold Dance Studios who provides an energetic and fun atmosphere while teaching the fundamentals of dance movements, stretching, and choreography. Term II runs through March 1 (eleven weeks), the fee is $120/$135. Term III is March 8 through May 24. There will be a recital at the end of May.

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Young People's Theater classes are held on Wednesday. There will be performances at the end of each session. Kids Theater II (Grades 2-6, may be split into two groups) meets Wednesday (January 11 - April 11) from 3:30 to 5:00 pm with Michele Kelly, instructor. The fee for 12 weeks is $135/$150. There will be a performance at the end of each 12-week session.

Saturday Studio

Saturday morning studio art for students will be grouped by age and ability from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Emphasis will be on drawing and color theory, with Ethan Lima, instructor. The classes will be held from January 20 to March 30 (10 weeks) and the fee is $120/$135 which includes materials.

Art Enrichment

Art Enrichment for Three- and Four-Year-Olds with Lynne Parks Kuhl and Lisa Baltz, instructors, will be held on Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am (February 28 - May 16). Explore the wonderful world of art materials. This program will encourage children to utilize small motor skills and focus their little hands and energies

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To pre-register for all classes, please call the Marion Art Center at 748-1266.

Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop at the Marion Art Center is now installed in both galleries. Extended hours until December 21 are: Tuesday through Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The Marion Art Center is located at the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets in Marion. Admission is FREE.

Over 40 artists are represented and include members of the Aritsans Cooperative of New Bedford and other regional artists. These include: Eric Stone (stone inlays); Kevin Arnfield (ceramics); Veronique Bale (aerial photographs); Dave Bill (wind chimes and pet toys); Shirley Brady (doll clothes); Jane Chase (sailor's valentines); Deborah Cook (ceramics); Madeline Cooke (floor cloths); Judy Fasciana (wreaths and florals); Teddy Farnham (watercolors); Geni Ferro (pins); Brett Freebody (ceramics); Marie Hetzel (jewelry); Heather Honig (glass ornaments); Elizabeth Howland (hand-painted silk and velvet scarves); Skip Kelly (wooden bowls and boards); Judy Klein (graphics and fabric); Caryn Koffman (photographs); Theresa LaBrecque, Faith Martin (puppets and birds); Marcia Mellor (fountains); Scott Mike (tile boxes and ornaments); Sarah Brown Miquelle (painted furniture); Sarah Morse (porcelain mermaids); Sheila Oliveira (hand-painted photo); Joyce Pace (furniture and mirrors); Mary Ross (collage and cards); George Saulnier (Italian art glass); Len Shartle (sculpture); Karen Snyder

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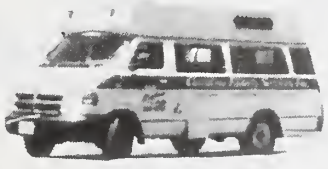

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Everyone is invited to this Christmas tree sale to walk among the display and select a Balsam Fir from their large selection. For best selection, buyers are encouraged to come early and pick your tree while helping to support the local Boy Scout Troop. All proceeds benefit Fairhaven Boy Scout Troop 55.

Mattapoisett Congregational Christmas

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church invites everyone to its Christmas Eve Services on Sunday, December 24. The Reverend Robert Spalding, Interim Minister, will conduct both services, the first at 5:30 pm, a Family Service that includes college students and anyone who has returned home for the holidays. At 10:00 pm, there will be a Candlelight Service at which the Senior Choir will perform anthems and lead the carol-singing. Both services will last between three-quarters to one hour. Casual attire is recommended.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Center Closed

The Mattapoisett COA Center will be closed on December 25, December 26, and December 27. Be sure to get your FISH calls in to the office by Thursday, December 21 for the week of December 25.

Fuel Assistance

Fuel Assistance applications are available at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. You need to call 758-4110 to set up an appointment. There is a list of documents you need to bring with you.

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Plumb Memorial Library

Preschool Storytime

The next session of Preschool Storytime will start on Monday, January 8, 2001 and run through the end of February. It will be held on Monday at 1:30 pm. Storytime is open to children ages 3 to 6. Activities include stories, songs, crafts, "field trips," and other special surprises. This is an interactive series with parent participation. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please call the library at 763-8600 or stop in and register at the main desk.

Toddler Playtime

Toddler Playtime will begin on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 and run through the end of February. It will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 am. This is an unstructured playgroup, and is a great way to get social time for parents, babies, and children ages 1 to 2. The library provides lots of toys, books, puzzles, and a simple hands-on craft activity. Registration is required. Please call the library at 763-8600 or stop in and register at the main desk.

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Friends of the Elderly

Gift Items

There will be sweatshirts, tote bags, and ornaments available for sale at the Christmas Party for any last-minute gift ideas you need. You may also call Nancy at 758-6900 for delivery. Dine-out books will also be sold. For delivery of those, please call Lorraine at 758-9780.

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Dinner for Two Dine-Out gift books are being sold by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly again this year. The Friends are selling them hoping to raise money for many things they want to do for the Mattapoisett seniors. The book has coupons from various area restaurants with which you buy one dinner and get the

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School will be holding a Financial Aid Night for all Grade 12 Old Colony students on January 4, 2001 at 6:30 pm in the school's library. The workshop will be conducted by the Educational Opportunity Center of New Bedford. They are requesting that parents bring their tax information wtih them to the workshop. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Old Colony Guidance Department at 763-8011, extension 126.

Team Harmony

On Tuesday, December 5, twenty-two members of the Diversity Group at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School attended the Team Harmony VII Event at the Fleet Center in Boston. Thousands of New England teenagers joined Old Colony at the Fleet Center to share ideas and concerns about racism and discrimination along with teens from Ireland and South Africa, via satellite. Old Colony students joined their peers statewide in pledging to stand united against racism in their hometown schools and community.

The event was dedicated to the late civil rights leader Leonard Zakim. The Team Harmony Event is held annually to help inspire students to fight discrimination and hatred. Students here in the United States were able to communicate and interact with students from Belfast and Johannesburg. Also, via satellite, students had the opportunity to ask questions of President Clinton. Old Colony's participation was coordinated by Diversity Group co-advisors Casimiro and Eugenia Santos.

Hair Olympics

On Monday, December 4, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School students participated in the Hair Olympics Competition. The competition was sponsored by the Southeastern Massachusetts Cosmetology Affiliate and was held at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Each team of students was judged on how well they represented the fantasy theme in the following areas: hair design, nail design, makeup, fashion, and overall design coordination.

The students who participated were: Katie Frates, Stefanie Pimentel, Stacey Domingos, Mary Beth Ayotte, Jessica Cardoza, Stephanie Lockwood, Erin Breault, Denise Oliver, and Erica Ferreira from Acushnet; Krystina

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Bartnik and Misty Clark from Freetown; Holly Furbish from Mattapoisett; Nicole Lima from Rochester; and Christine Cole from Carver. Certificates of participation were given to every student who attended.

Judges for the competition were Willie Rose, who owns Willie's Design Line, and has been an Educator and Technical Consultant for many International Multi-Cultural Distributor Lines for 30 years; Robert Orr, member of MSA, NCA, and Massachusetts European Teaching Staff for Nexxus, and Director of the Massachusetts Design Team; and Beth Nunes, co-owner of Strands Hair and Nail Salon, a 23-year member of NCA/MA and Color Correction Expert with Redken. An audience of more than 100 people attended the two-and-

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Movie Review

Vogue Warrior

BY ROB GONSALVES
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What Women Want. **Starring Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt. Directed by Nancy Meyers. Running time: 110 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.**

Though it isn't quite Oscar material, Mel Gibson gives what may be the most entertaining big-star performance of the year in *What Women Want.* He's perfectly cast as Nick Marshall, who as a boy was raised in a Las Vegas casino, surrounded by glittering showgirls, and has very happily stayed frozen in that pre-feminist state. Now a suave ad executive and ladies' man, Nick has made a name as the go-to guy for babes-in-bikinis ads. Gibson enjoys himself to the hilt; his Nick lives in a constant mellow, self-satisfied vibe of heterosexual male privilege. He doesn't waste a thought on those who disapprove of him; they don't know what they're missing.

Of course, *What Women Want* is about how Nick gets his consciousness raised, but the surprise of the movie is that Gibson's performance only gets more satisfying, not duller as you might expect. Nick's male privilege is broken down piece by piece. He loses out on a coveted creative-director spot when the firm's boss (Alan Alda), noting that young women have more buying power than ever before, brings in top idea woman Darcy Maguire (Helen Hunt). Darcy passes around various feminine products and asks everyone to devise ad campaigns for them, geared to women. Nick looks crumpled; he can't possibly relate to this *chick stuff* — he stares at the nail polish and Biore strips as if they were Incan antiquities.

One drunken night, as much out of parody as out of desperation for an idea, the hapless Nick tries all the products — lipstick, panty hose, leg waxer — and falls into a goofy accident that somehow allows him to hear women's thoughts. He hears lustful thoughts, banal thoughts, and, most painfully, *honest* thoughts — he hears what the women at his office *really* think about him. Even his 15-year-old daughter (Ashley Johnson) doesn't cut him any slack, though there isn't much difference between her derisive thoughts about him and her derisive statements to him. For long stretches, Gibson plays Nick's awakening as agonized comedy; every woman's mental capsule review of him shoots an arrow into his swollen ego.

Not surprisingly, Nick soon learns to use his ability to his advantage, and when he "hears" Darcy's ideas for a Nike campaign, he steals them and passes it off as the uncanny synchronicity of two creative people on the same page. Nick and Darcy are also required by the plot to fall in love, the movie's least convincing aspect. Helen Hunt relaxes and breathes here (a relief after her Acting in *Pay It Forward*), but part of her strength as an actress is that she can *show* us what she's thinking — she can do a lot with her eyebrows or a slight nod — and when we *hear* what she's supposedly thinking, it doesn't live up to what Hunt can do silently.

Nick finds himself in situations he wouldn't have known how to handle before, and barely knows how to handle now, except that now he *listens.* It's as if there was *nothing* in his head (except his own pleasure) before women's thoughts took over the space. He deals with his daughter's budding sexuality; he deals with a smitten coffee-shop clerk (Marisa Tomei); he deals with an office messenger (Judy Greer) whose thoughts sound bitter and unhappy. The concept isn't wholly original (the most recent treatment was the controversial *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* episode "Earshot"), but what is original is the effect that female consciousness has on a smug vulgarian like Nick Marshall, and on Mel Gibson. Women may leave the theater wishing that men could be electrocuted into enlightenment more often; they may wish that about Gibson, too. The journey he makes here — from a slick womanizer, to a bedevilled receptor of women's thoughts, to an opportunist capitalizing on those thoughts, and finally to a good man who's learned to intuit what women want simply by facing them — brings out all of Gibson, all the shades of intelligence and stupidity, of deception and candor. It's a full package — a full performance.

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Family Man (PG-13) – 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30
Quills (R) – 12:10, 3:50, 6:55, 9:35
What Women Want (PG-13) – 12:30, 3:25, 6:30, 9:15
Proof of Life (R) – 12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
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Cast Away (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50; Sun: 12:50, 3:50; Tue-Thu: 12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50
Dracula 2000 (R) – Fri/Sat: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30; Sun: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45; Tue-Thu: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
Miss Congeniality (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:15, 4:05, 7:30, 9:55; Sun: 1:15, 4:05; Tue-Thu: 1:15, 4:05, 7:30, 9:55
Family Man (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45; Sun: 1:00, 4:10; Tue-Thu: 1:00, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
What Women Want (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50; Sun: 1:30, 4:15; Tue-Thu: 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) – *Sat. only at 12:00 midnight*
Proof of Life (R) – 11:00
Vertical Limit (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:20, 3:50, 7:20, 9:40; Sun: 1:20, 3:50; Tue-Thu: 1:20, 3:50, 7:20, 9:40
The Grinch (PG) – Fri/Sat: 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:25, 9:45; Sun: 12:15, 2:40, 4:50; Tue-Thu: 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:25, 9:45
Unbreakable (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 6:55, 9:25; Sun: 1:20, 4:00
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Emperor's New Groove (G) – Fri/Sat: 12:05, 2:15, 4:20, 6:50, 8:45; Sun: 12:05, 2:15, 4:20; Tue-Thu: 12:05, 2:15, 4:20, 6:50, 8:45
Rugrats in Paris (G) – 12:30, 2:30, 4:30
102 Dalmatians (G) – 12:25, 2:25, 4:25
Meet the Parents (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 7:30, 9:40; Tue-Thu: 7:30, 9:40
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What Women Want (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20; Sun: 1:20, 3:50, 6:40; Mon: 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20; Tue-Thu: 12:50, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20
How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Sun: 1:20, 4:30, 6:40; Mon: 1:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30; Tue-Thu: 12:30, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
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Cast Away (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20; Sun: 12:50, 3:40, 6:30; Mon: 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20; Tue-Thu: 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20
Family Man (PG-13) – Fri/Sat: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00; Mon-Thu: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
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Broadway Trip

For the seventh consecutive year, seniors and juniors at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will have the opportunity to experience the theater on Broadway.

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The Year That Was

BY KENNETH J. SOUZA
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Seems like it was just a year ago we were all fretting over the possibility that the enigmatic "Y2K" bug would bring everything on Planet Earth to a grinding halt ... wait a minute, that *was* a year ago! *Damn clock on my computer must have stopped somewhere along the line!*

Despite the "threat that never came" and the soon-silenced naysayers who argued that the *real* millennium didn't start until January 1, 2001 ... our entry into the 21st century has certainly been a year to remember. And although culture watchers and sci-fi enthusiasts way back in the 1950s touted wild and crazy predictions about "the year 2000," it turned out to be nothing more than the mere turning of another calendar page, the concerted effort needed to stop writing "1999" on checks.

But I'll bet there are some things we won't soon forget, starting with the recent barrage of adjectives used to describe previously-insignificant pieces of a punch-hole ballot card. There were "dimpled chads," "hanging chads," and the ubiquitous "pregnant chads" — *did these beget lil' chads, I wonder?* We heard about "disenfranchised voters," "making every vote count," and "popular votes vs. electoral votes."

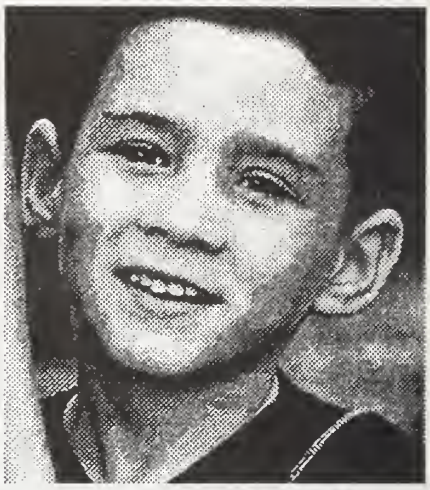
Personally, I think we all wasted far too much time and energy arguing such moot points, considering that we had less than stellar choices to begin with — sort of like picking the "nicest" apple from a selection of badly-bruised fruit. It may be edible, but not necessarily delicious ... and let's face it, there are bigger and better menu items to come.

I'm guessing the majority of water-cooler discussions this year centered around a couple of breakout TV shows — proving, once again, that Americans really should read or get out more. Though I wasn't a devout follower of either *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* or *Survivor,* just by attrition I was forced into filing away names like John Carpenter (one of the first big "millionaire" winners, and not the fine film director) and Richard Hatch (the controversial "survivor") for future *Trivial Pursuit* consideration.

Why do we know Richard Hatch?

Does anyone else find it odd that these alleged forums for "entertainment" relied heavily upon the lust for greed to drive them? Oh, and can I get paid for giving them a plug here?

Before becoming a nation divided over counts and recounts, we were a nation divided over a father's love for his child and a sense of media-fueled patriotism in allowing a refugee Cuban child named Elian Gonzalez to remain in the "land of the free, home of the brave." Granted, if I were a small boy let loose in the candy-shop of opportunity that is the United States — with an ample supply of Yoo-Hoo and frequent trips to Disney World — I'd say anything to keep the perks coming, too.



Little Boy Lost: Elian Gonzalez

Regardless of personal political beliefs, blood is not only thicker than water, it's also thicker than the bloated tongues wagging in the heads of those politically-motivated *protesters* who used an innocent child to get back at a Communist dictator — a move that miserably backfired and threatened to separate a father from his son.

For reasons I can't even begin to fathom or understand, I now actually recognize the likes of Britney Spears, Christine Aguilera, N'Sync, and the Backstreet Boys! *But I ask: why are so many of my precious brain cells being devoted to such banal thoughts?* There are surely great poems, songs, or literary masterpieces I've yet to experience which could put this memory space to better use!

Alas, here we are on the brink of the "real" beginning of the millennium — **2001**. Although the late, great Stanley Kubrick is no longer with us, I can't help but wonder how he'd size up the not-too-distant future ... a veritable odyssey of not only time and space, but *useless information.*

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The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Peer Leadership Group is sponsoring a holiday card fund-raiser for the local non-profit agency "Hearts & Hands." The holiday card design is original artwork produced by the students in the Peer Leadership Group. The cards are colorful and festive. The cost is $10 per dozen or 25 cards for $20. Cards may be purchased in the main office at Old Colony or by calling Audrey Clark at (508) 763-8011, extension 163. Delivery is possible.

The Hearts and Hands group, located in Mattapoisett, is an organization that helps families with critically or terminally ill children. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will go directly to Hearts & Hands.

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The following log excerpts are for the week of December 10 through December 16, 2000:

• Delano Road – vandalism/past
• Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Spring Street – parking violation
• Point Road – animal complaint
• Mansfield Avenue – runaway
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Converse Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Spring Street – parking violation
• Pitcher Street – power line down
• Mill Street – vandalism/past
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Converse Road – animal complaint
• Point Road – vandalism/past
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
• Jenna Drive – suspicious activity
• Vine Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Delano Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Main Street – chemical spill
• Spring Street – parking violation
• Point Road – animal complaint
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Delano Road – trash/rubbish fire
• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Planting Island Road – officer wanted
• Barros Drive – mental assist
• Island Wharf Road – lost property
• Delano Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 10 through December 16, 2000:

• Tinkham Lane – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – parking complaint
• Grand View Avenue – animal pickup
• Marion Road – party locked in at school
• Fairhaven Road – icy roads reported
• Fairhaven Road – located runaway
• Aucoot Road – remove party from house
• Acushnet Road – dog bite (child)
• Marion Road – motor vehicle hit deer
• Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle violations
• Lebaron Way – complaint of alarms
• Fairhaven Road – downed wires
• Ned's Point Road – small boat adrift
• North Street – motor vehicle accident/branch fell on vehicle
• Fairhaven Road – overhanging branch
• County Road – power outage
• County Road – traffic lights not working
• North Street – violation of protective order
• Marion Road – power outage
• Main Street – possible breaking and entering in progress
• North Road – squirrel in house
• County Road – open phone line
• Fairhaven Road – barking dog
• River Road – trash dumping
• Prospect Road – assistance needed with dog
• North Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Street – motor vehicle violation
• County Road – vandalism to property
• Park Street – missing dog
• Marion Road – vandalism to school property
• County Road – larceny/shoplifting
• Marion Road – vandalism
• Brandt Island Road – suspicious youths in road
• Crystal Spring Road – speeding yellow dump truck
• Jane Lane – possible illegal hunting
• Fairhaven Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – party reports hitting deer
• Eldorado Drive – motor vehicle violation.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 12 through December 18, 2000:

• Walnut Plain Road – highway matter
• North Avenue – downed wires
• North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
• Rounseville Road – motor vehicle accident
• Snipatuit Road – wires down
• Paulines Way – animal complaint
• Walnut Plain Road – motor vehicle accident
• Pine Street – animal complaint
• Kings Highway – wires down
• North Avenue – suspicious person
• Allen Road – noise complaint
• North Street – car hit deer
• Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Neck Road – gunshots reported
• Burgess Avenue – power outage
• Pierce Street – highway matter
• Mendall Road – highway matter
• Route 105 – road hazard
• Mary's Pond Road – lines down
• Mary's Pond Road – road hazard
• Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle pursuit.

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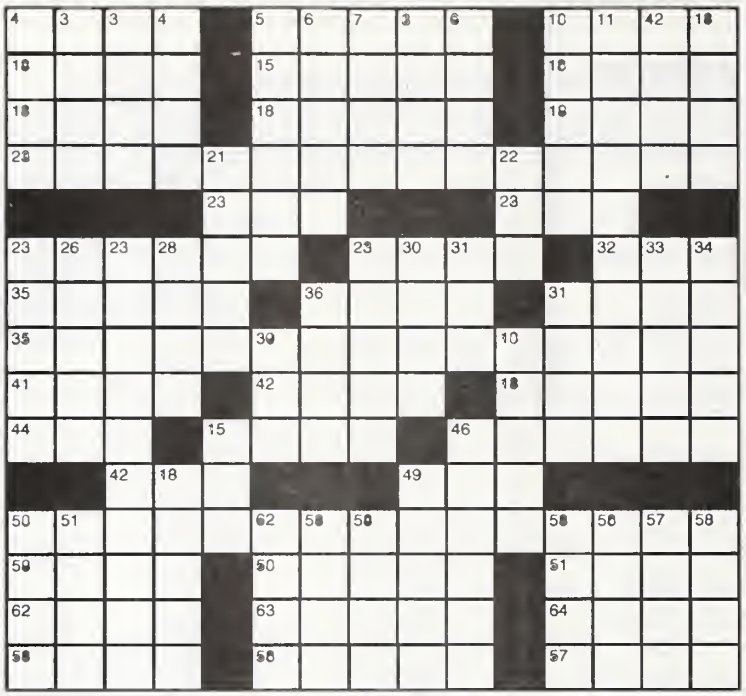

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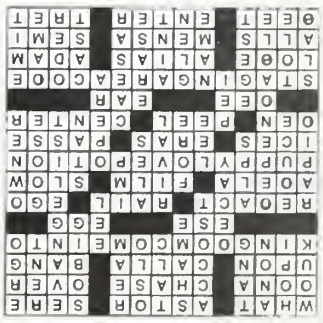

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Let your best friend or mate talk you into something wild and crazy.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Launch a new creative project. You'll be inspired. Somebody else wants to take control. If they're going in the right direction, be supportive.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). You are looking good. Don't be surprised if you get more offers than you know what to do with. You'll think of a way to solve that problem, no doubt.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Get into a home-decorating project. With a little extra effort, it'll turn out better than you'd imagined. Turn down invitations to go out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Household matters demand attention. There are several tricky problems to solve, both mechanical and emotional, but don't fret. The outcome looks good.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make money a major theme and rake in a lot. Work's involved, but you're good at it. This could lead to new opportunities and new lessons learned.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can have just about anything you want. Some you'll get through cleverness and charm, and some you'll get through good luck.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something you hear over the grapevine could lead to a great deal. Find a sale on something you need for your home or a great deal on a new place to live.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your friends are your joy and inspiration. Meetings go well, too. Conspire to do great things together. An assignment that's overdue causes pressure.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ask for that raise or promotion that you've wanted. If you can do what's required, you'll easily cinch the deal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A foreigner could win your heart. Let yourself be talked into trying something new; you may like it. Don't be late to work. A critical person won't like any excuses.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Count your pennies. Then, invest them in a safe place so you'll have more soon. Chores interfere with travel.

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Between now and January 1, 2001, *Yankee* Magazine is accepting fiction and non-fiction submissions of 800 to 2,500 words from new writers who have fresh ideas, a sense of style, and an interest in conveying something true about New England. Two $1,000 prizes will be awarded: for the best fiction and non-fiction, and honorable mentions will go to the best of the rest. *Yankee* reserves the right to pay for their publication. The competition is open to any writer who has not yet been published. Half of each $10 entry fee will be given to libraries to participate in *Yankee* Magazine's Community Partner Program.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 15, 2001 at 8:00pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall concerning the application of Peter and Yolanda Lesco, Trustees, Industrial Drive Nominee Trust, 11 1/2 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 for Site Plan review located at 11 1/2 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA. Proposed Use: Warehouse - 8,000 sq. ft., Zoning: Limited Industrial, Mattapoisett Assessor's Sheet #26, Lot #33B. Complete plans for the Site Plan are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and may be inspected by any interested party during the normal business hours of the Clerk's office.
Barry W. Perkins
Clerk, Mattapoisett Planning Board
12/21, 1/4

Words of Wisdom

The more revolutions occur, the less things change.

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Simplicity is an acquired taste. Mankind, left free, instinctively complicates life.

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Civilization is merely an advance in taste: accepting, all the time, nicer things, and rejecting nasty ones

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Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge.

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A root is a flower that disdains fame.

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The idea of life is to give and receive.

off the mark by Mark Parisi

SPORTS TRIVIA

1. When was the last time Pasadena-bound Purdue played in the Rose Bowl?

2. Who was the most valuable player of that game?

3. What team has won the most Rose Bowls?

4. Who was MVP of the 1978 Rose Bowl?

5. Name the Syracuse backfield tandem that combined for 330 yards rushing against Tennessee in the 1966 Gator Bowl?

6. Who holds the Orange Bowl record for being responsible for the most touchdowns in a game?

7. Who scored the longest TD in Orange Bowl history?

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ANSWERS TO SPORTS TRIVIA

1. Purdue defeated Southern California 14-13 in the Boilermakers' only previous trip to the Rose Bowl in 1967.

2. Purdue halfback John Charles.

3. Southern California has won 20 Rose Bowls. Michigan is second with eight.

4. Quarterback Warren Moon, who led Washington to a 27-20 victory over Michigan.

5. Floyd Little and Larry Csonka rushed for 216 yards and 114 yards respectively, but the Orangemen lost 18-12 to the Volunteers.

6. Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers scored four TDs and passed for a fifth in the Cornhuskers' 40-6 thrashing of Notre Dame in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

7. Navy's Greg Mather caught a Missouri lateral and returned it 98 yards for a TD in the 1961 Orange Bowl. However, Missouri won 21-14.

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fee must accompany the submission. Make checks payable to "Yankee Publishing, Inc." The deadline for entries is January 1, 2001. Manuscripts will be acknowledged but will not be returned without SASE.

Any non-profit group raising money for a project or program in New England is eligible to participate in *Yankee* Magazine's Community Partners. Groups raise funds and awareness through *Yankee* subscription sales. For each $20 subscription sold, the partner group receives a $10 donation toward its program goals.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Fin, Fur and Feather Club has had to cancel Trapshooting on Sundays until further notice. There will continue to be Trapshooting on Friday mornings from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. For more information, please call (508) 758-6790.

Coping with the Holidays

The holiday season with its memories, expectations, and traditions are difficult times to negotiate for the bereaved. A special program titled "Coping with the Holiday Season" will be sponsored by the Hospice of Community Nurse Association of Fairhaven on Wednesdays through January 3 (no meeting on December 27) from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at their office located at 62 Center Street in Fairhaven. Through education, discussion and support, the group will help to get through this stressful

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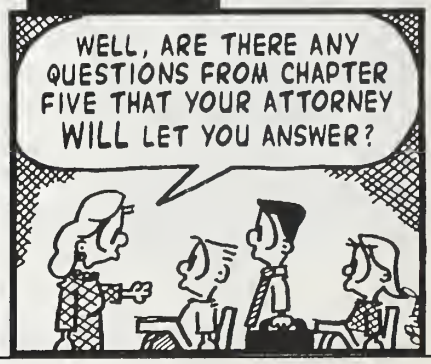

time of year. For further information and to register, please contact Sue Vincent, LICSW, Bereavement Coordinator, at (508) 999-3400. Groups are open to the public and are free-of-charge (donations are accepted).

Mattapoisett Lions Club

Following is a schedule of upcoming events sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club:

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- March 3 - Variety Show at ORR High School, 7:15 to 9:30 pm;
- April 29 - Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Hall, 8:00 to 11:00 am;
- May 19 - Swing Dance with 18-Piece Band at the Knights of Columbus, 7:00 to 11:00 pm;
- July 8 - Triathalon, 8:00 to 9:30 pm;
- July 11 - Band Concert/Strawberry Fest, 7:30 to 9:00 pm;
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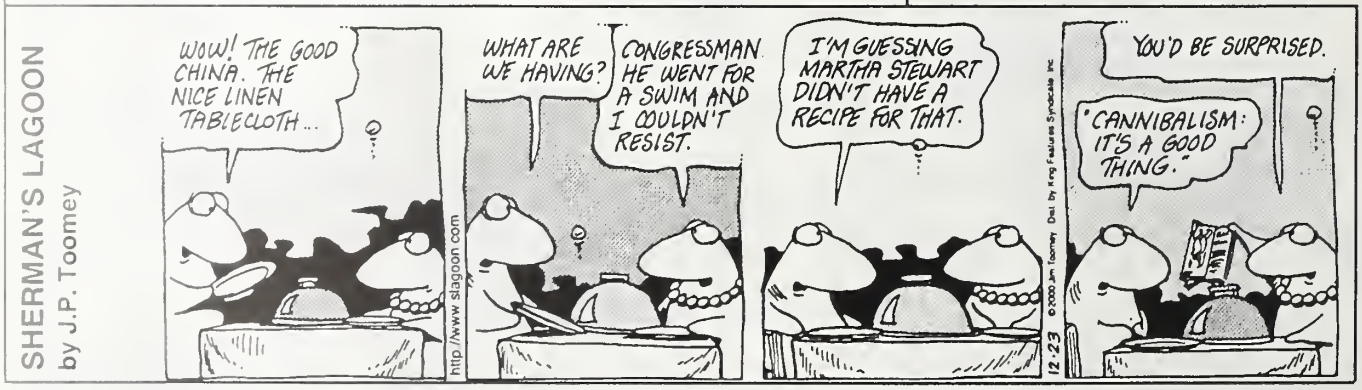

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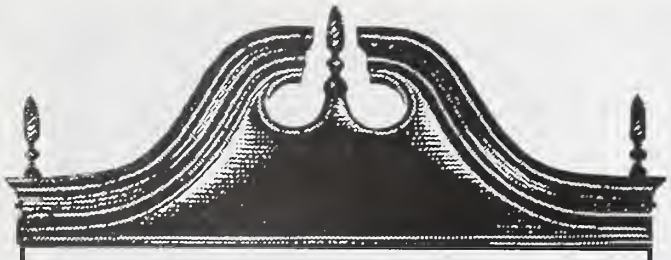

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Dec. 22:	Fri.	5:11	5:33	11:53	11:34
Dec. 23:	Sat.	5:58	6:18	. . .	12:32
Dec. 24:	Sun.	6:41	7:01	12:11	1:06
Dec. 25:	Mon.	7:23	7:43	12:44	1:35
Dec. 26:	Tues.	8:04	8:24	1:17	2:04
Dec. 27:	Wed.	8:45	9:06	1:51	2:33
Dec. 28:	Thurs.	9:25	9:48	2:25	3:03
Dec. 29:	Fri.	10:06	10:32	3:01	3:36
Dec. 30:	Sat.	10:49	11:17	3:39	4:12
Dec. 31:	Sun.	11:33	. . .	4:20	4:52
Jan.1:	Mon.	12:02	12:13	5:15	5:51
Jan. 2:	Tues.	12:40	1:00	6:11	6:42
Jan. 3:	Wed.	1:28	1:53	7:25	7:41
Jan. 4:	Thurs.	2:22	2:52	8:43	8:38
Jan. 5:	Fri.	3:20	3:53	9:46	9:32
Jan. 6:	Sat.	4:21	4:53	10:42	10:23
Jan. 7:	Sun.	5:20	5:50	11:35	11:14

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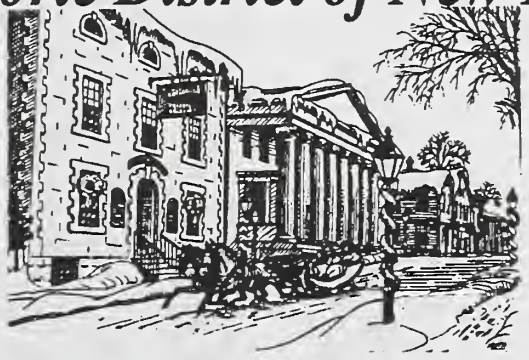

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